

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A monitor for a PC ~~having an interface~~ comprising:

a microprocessor;

a graphics scaler;

a storage medium reader that reads a digital image stored on a storage medium;

a controller, ~~comprising a microprocessor and a graphics scaler,~~ that processes and transfers the read digital image for display on a display screen of the monitor, wherein resources ~~associated with the~~ within the microprocessor and the graphics scaler, ~~are shared with the~~ controller;

a user-interface operable to enable issuing a command to the controller to control the reading and display of the digital image on the display screen; and

wherein the monitor has a first mode of operation enabling display of a video signal from a PC and a second mode of operation enabling display of a digital image from the storage medium, the second operational mode being independent of the monitor's connection state to a PC.

2. (previously presented): The monitor of claim 1, wherein the digital image is read by the storage medium reader and transferred to an image buffer of the monitor for storage and for display on the display screen.

3. (currently amended): The monitor of claim 2, wherein at least the controller or the image buffer is also used to perform a task, unrelated to ~~the interface for~~ controlling the digital image, within the monitor.

4. (original): The monitor of claim 1, wherein the controller processes the read digital image into a format that is compatible with the signal input of the display.

5. (original): The monitor of claim 1, wherein the user-interface enables the user to manipulate at least the image displayed or the data stored on the storage medium.

6. (original): The monitor of claim 5, wherein the user-interface enables the user to perform at least one of the following manipulations of the image; deleting or protecting the data stored on the storage medium, or sequencing the display of multiple images, or resizing the image, or rotating the image, or mirroring the image, or displaying textual information about the image, or displaying a thumbnail view of the image.

7. (original): The monitor of claim 6, wherein the at least one manipulation is performed via on-screen menu selection through the user-interface.

8. (original): The monitor of claim 1, wherein the display screen for

displaying the digital image is selected from the group consisting of a cathode-ray tube display (CRT), a digital CRT, a liquid crystal display (LCD), a TV, a projection device, and an electroluminescent display (ELD).

9. (original): The monitor of claim 1, wherein the storage medium is selected from the group consisting of smart media, compact flash memory, mini-disc, zip disc, memory stick PCMCIA (Personal Computer Memory Card International Association) card, compact disk (CD), recordable CD (CD-R), rewritable CD (CD-RW), digital versatile disk (DVD) and HDD.

10. (original): The monitor of claim 1, wherein the storage medium reader is capable of reading two or more different storage media types.

11. (withdrawn): A stand-alone monitor having an interface comprising:

- a wireless communications port that wirelessly communicates with a wireless image source via a common method and protocol to receive a digital image transmitted by the wireless image source to the interface; and

- a controller that processes and transfers the received digital image for display on a display screen of the stand-alone monitor.

12. (withdrawn): The monitor of Claim 11, further comprising:

- a user-interface enabling a user to issue a command to the

controller to control the receipt and display of the digital image on the display screen.

13. (withdrawn): The monitor of Claim 11, wherein the wireless communication port communicates with the wireless image source using an infrared (IR) signal as the common method and protocol.

14. (withdrawn): The monitor of Claim 11, wherein the wireless communication port communicates with the wireless image source using a radio frequency (RF) signal as the common method and protocol.

15. (withdrawn): The monitor of Claim 11, wherein the wireless image source is selected from the group consisting of a digital camera, a scanner, a laptop computer and a camcorder.

16. (withdrawn): The monitor of Claim 11, further comprising a remote control device for wirelessly communicating with the wireless communication port to issue a command to the controller for control of receipt and display of the digital image on the display screen.

17. (withdrawn): The monitor of Claim 11, wherein the interface is located in an enclosure separate from the stand-alone monitor and communicates with the stand-alone monitor to display and manipulate an image via a cable.

18. (withdrawn): The monitor of Claim 17, wherein the interface also communicates with a PC via a second cable, said interface being operative to forward a video signal from the PC to the monitor in a PC mode and to forward the video signal from the interface to the monitor in an interface mode.

19. (withdrawn): An interface for a stand-alone monitor comprising:

- a storage medium reader that reads a digital image stored on a storage medium;

- a wireless communications port that wirelessly communicates with a remote control device via a common method and protocol to receive a command transmitted by the remote control device to the interface;

- a receiver operable to receive the command from the wireless communications port;

- a decoder that decodes the command supplied by the receiver;

and

- a controller that processes and executes the decoded command, and processes and transfers the read digital image for display on a display screen of the stand-alone monitor.

20. (currently amended): A monitor for a PC having a microprocessor and a graphics scaler and being in communication with an interface, the interface comprising:

- a storage medium reader that reads a digital image stored on a

storage medium;

~~a controller, comprising a microprocessor and a graphics scaler,~~
that processes and transfers the read digital image for display on a
display screen on the monitor, ~~wherein resources associated with the~~
~~microprocessor and the graphics scaler are shared;~~ and

a user-interface operable to enable issuing a command to the
controller to control the reading and display of the digital image on
the display screen, wherein the interface is located in an enclosure
separate from the monitor and communicates with the monitor to display
and manipulate an image via a cable;

wherein the monitor has a first mode of operation enabling
display of a video signal from a PC and a second mode of operation
enabling display of a digital image from the storage medium, the
second operational mode being independent of the monitor's connection
state to a PC.

21. (original): The monitor of claim 20, wherein the interface also
communicates with a PC via a second cable, said interface being
operative to forward a video signal from the PC to the monitor in a PC
mode and to forward the video signal from the interface to the monitor
in an interface mode.

22. (currently amended): A monitor for a PC comprising:

a microprocessor;

a graphics scaler;

means for reading data from a storage device; and

a controller having functions of processing and transferring the read data for display on a display screen of the monitor, wherein the functions of the controller are performed by sharing resources within the microprocessor and the graphics scaler; and

~~means for displaying a video signal from a PC while sharing resources associated with the microprocessor and the graphics scaler, and~~ wherein the monitor has a first mode of operation enabling display of a video signal from a PC and a second mode of operation enabling display of a digital image from the storage medium, the second operational mode being independent of the monitor's connection state to a PC.

23. (original): The monitor of claim 22, wherein the monitor includes means for storing data transferred from a storage device on a PC to the storage device.

24. (original): The monitor of claim 23, wherein the data comprises image data.

25. (original): The monitor of claim 22, wherein the monitor includes means to transfer data from the storage device for the monitor to a storage device on the PC.

26. (currently amended): A monitor ~~for a PC having an interface~~ comprising:

a microprocessor;

a graphics scaler;

a storage medium reader that reads a digital image stored on a storage medium;

a controller that processes and transfers the read digital image for display on a display screen of the monitor, wherein resources ~~associated with~~ of the microprocessor and the graphics scaler are shared ~~with the controller~~; and

a user-interface operable to enable issuing a command to the controller to control the reading and display of the digital image on the display screen[[]]

~~wherein the digital image is read by the storage medium reader and transferred to an image buffer of the monitor for storage and fro display on the display screen, and wherein at least the controller or the image buffer is also used to perform a task, unrelated to the interface for controlling the digital image, within the monitor;~~

~~wherein the monitor has a first mode of operation enabling display of a video signal from a PC and a second mode of operation enabling display of a digital image from the storage medium, the second operational mode being independent of the monitor's connection state to a PC.~~

27. (new): The monitor according to claim 26, further comprising memory and a frame buffer, wherein the memory is realized by sharing resources within the frame buffer.

28. (new): The monitor according to claim 20, wherein shared resources

are used for performing functions of the controller and for performing functions of the microprocessor and the graphics scaler.